There is a firing range namely, Karjuna Kare, an acquired range located at Ahmednagar. Firing practices are carried out by the Army in this range. At such ranges, artillery and armoured gun shells and mortar bombs are fired which explode. In acquired ranges, there is a prescribed system for collection of metal scrap of fired ammunition.

(c) to (e). The right to collect the metal scrap of fired ammunition of Karjuna Kare range was sold to a contractor for Rs. 40,05,151/- for the period from 15.8.95 to 31.3.97. The money has been collected in full in advance.

[English]

Sopore Tullibal Bypass

1363. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of Sopore Tullibal bypass bridges in J & K has stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which this bridge is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) The Central Government is primarily responsible for development of roads declared as National Highways. All other roads are the responsibility of the respective State Governments. The scheme for the construction of Sopore Tullibal bypass bridges in J & K does not fall on a National Highway and no such proposal has been approved.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Funds to Non-Hindi speaking States to promote Hindi

1364. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to promote Hindi in non-Hindi speaking States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided to such States during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). The Department of Education is implementing the following schemes for promotion of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking States :

1 Scheme of Appointment of Hindi teachers in non-Hindi speaking States and the scheme of opening/strengthening of Hindi teachers training colleges in non-Hindi speaking States/UTs.

Under this scheme, 100% financial assistance is provided to non-Hindi speaking States/UTs for the post of the Hindi teachers created with the prior approval of the Government of India. However, the assistance is given only for one Plan period and on the expiry of the Plan period, the responsibility for the maintenance of these teachers stands transferred to the concerned State Government/UT. Financial assistance released to the non-Hindi speaking States during the preceeding 3 years is as under :

(Rupees in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Orissa	320.00	289.28	174.15
2.	Assam	145.15	189.79	125.06
3.	Manipur	85.35	60.62	92.95
4.	Mizoram	19.50	12.07	15.82
5.	Andhra Pradesh	-	-	2.00
6.	Nagaland	-	23.44	-
		570.00	575.20	409.98

2. Scheme of financial assistance to voluntary Hindi organisations for promotion of Hindi.

Under this scheme, financial assistance is given to the voluntary organisations for various activities for propagation and development of Hindi, e.g. conducting Hindi teaching classes, shorthand/typing classes, Hindi libraries, publication of brouchers/magazines etc.

Financial assistance under the scheme is normally given to the extent of 75% of the total approved expenditure except in the case of construction/repair/expansion of buildings where the grant may be upto 60% of the approved expenditure or Rs. 50,000.00, whichever is less.

In addition, assistance for publications in Hindi is given to voluntary organisations and individuals. Individuals/voluntary organisations are also assisted by way of bulk purchase of Hindi books. The expenditure on these schemes during the last three financial years is as under :

(Ruppes in lakhs)

1993-94	255.83
1994-95	254.27
1995-96	249.77
	759.87

Besides, awards are given to Hindi writers whose mothertongue is not Hindi on books originally written in

Hindi. The number of such awards is 19 per year and the amount of award money is Rs. 15,000/- per book.

3 Scheme of correspondence course to teach Hindi to non-Hindi speaking persons.

The Central Hindi Directorate, a subordinate office under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, is running a correspondence course to teach Hindi as Second Language to non-Hindi speaking Indians and Foreigners through the medium of Tamil, Malayalam, Bengali and English. Besides, the Directorate is also bringing out Hindi based and Regional language based bilingual, trilingual and multilingual dictionaries for promotion of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking areas.

Dayanand College, Varanasi

1365. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether as per recommendations given in the 79th Report of the Petitions Committee, 1980 of the Rajya Sabha the Government are considering to make Dayanand College, Varanasi, a Maintained College based on the Delhi pattern in order to save it from education and financial problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c). The Banaras Hindu University has recently disaffiliated the D.A.V. Degree College from the University as the College had been admitting students in excess of the approved intake capacity for the management of the College, the Government has requested the University to negotiate a suitable control machanism and management structure of the College with Governing body of the College to avoid recurrence of such irregularities. It is, accordingly, premature to review the pattern of funding for the institution.

[English]

Total Literacy Mission Projects for NGOs in Orissa

1366. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Total Literacy Mission Projects sanctioned by the National Literacy Mission for NGOs in Orissa, District-wise;

(b) whether the performance of NGOs has been reviewed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any action has been taken against the NGOs having poor performance;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Agencies in Adult Education, 19 Voluntary Agencies have been sanctioned Total Literacy Campaign Projects in 9 districts of Orissa. A statement showing the number of Agencies sanctioned projects in each district is enclosed.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) External evaluation of projects implemented by 5 agencies was conducted by the Centre for Youth and Social Development, Bhubaneshwar. The Directorate of Mass Education, Government of Orissa has got the projects of 4 Agencies evaluated by an expert team. This includes 2 of the Agencies earlier evaluated by the Centre for Youth and Social Development. The projects of 12 more Agencies are being evaluated by the State Government. The State Government has also requested the Ministry not to release any further grants to the 16 Voluntary Agencies being evaluated by them, until the clearance Reports are submitted by them.

(d) and (e). The Centre for Youth and Social Development has not pointed out any serious deficiencies in the implementation of TLC projects by the 5 Agencies evaluated by them.

The State Government has submitted reports on the implementation of 4 Agencies namely: (i) Nilachal Seva Pratisthan, (ii) Bidyut Club, (iii) Orissa State Bharat Scouts and Guides; and (iv) Bharat Seva Parishad. Keeping in view the State Government's reports, the following action has been initiated :

(i) Bidyut Club has been requested to submit clarifications on the points raised in the State Government report. The club has since submitted its clarifications which are under examination.

(ii) The Orissa State Bharat Scouts and Guides has been asked to close down their project and submit the audited accounts of the project. The Collector, Khurda District, has been requested to take immediate steps to cover the area under TLC to be implemented by the Zilla Saksharta Samiti (ZSS).

(iii) The State Government has been requested to take steps to conduct a special audit and to undertake external sample checks of the project implemented by Nilachal Seva Pratisthan.

(iv) The State Government has recently reported that Bharat Seva Parishad has failed to